

WHEAT IS KING.

Sumner County Once More Becoming the Leader.

Crops for a Time Had Not Been Up to Expectations.

WHAT WAS THE CAUSE?

Santa Fe Officials Suggested a Change of Seed.

Offered Transportation Free and Advice Followed.

Wellington, Kan., July 26.—Sumner county is returning to its own in the production of wheat. It may not regain its former prestige this year, but certainly it will push toward the top and cause its rivals to sit up and take notice. The returns from the threshers will tell the story, and it is a bit too early just now to anticipate that.

The table below shows what Sumner county has done in the past, as compared with the state of Kansas as a whole:

| Year | —Entire State— | —Sumner Co.— |
|------|----------------|--------------|
| 1901 | 2,282,000 | 50,000 |
| 1902 | 2,550,000 | 54,250 |
| 1903 | 2,581,000 | 57,000 |
| 1904 | 2,817,000 | 54,700 |
| 1905 | 3,325,000 | 59,400 |

This record was not satisfactory to the progressive farmers of Sumner county. Their soil was good and their farming intelligent, and they were at a loss to know why their yields from year to year were not up to the old pace set in 1901, when Sumner was the banner county of the world. Inquiring around, they found their neighbor counties too had dropped off in wheat production. The cause, they were sure, was not in the soil, and there was no apparent climatic change.

The freight department of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railway suggested a change of seed, and offered to furnish the transportation free. The plan was for the farmers to grow the same-grade seed as the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe mills and buy new from the wheat growers of western Kansas. Some farmers wanted to send to Alberta, Canada, for the original suggestion to buy seed grown from the virgin soil of western Kansas was good enough, and it was adopted.

Then the millers stepped in and made an arrangement by which they took the old seed and gave in exchange, bushel for bushel, western seed. The Santa Fe would the new seed to Hutchinson free, and from there distributed it for a nominal charge upon the direction of the millers, who gave it in exchange for the old seed. This was in the fall of 1905.

It was a transfusion of new blood, and the effect has been magical. Wherever the new seed was planted, the yield this season is large. The average yield per acre in the county will not be known for some weeks, but the farmers are well satisfied everywhere with the experiment. Naturally, the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe is alike gratified with the result. That company is not in the wheat growing business, but it is in the transportation business, and increased wheat crops mean increased freight receipts.

And the experiment was not tried in Sumner county only. Similar conditions prevailed in Cowley, Sedgewick, Kingman and Pratt counties, where the railway company made the same arrangement with the farmers, and the reports are that the experiment has been equally profitable. However, the tale will be better told by Mr. Coburn when he makes his annual estimate of the wheat crop of the state.

The Santa Fe shares this year in another experiment in a change, or renewal, of seed wheat. In Stafford, and other counties out that way the vitality of the Turkey Red stock of wheat has been deteriorating, and in 1904 it was decided to restore it to its former vigor if possible. So the Santa Fe, entering into an arrangement with some mill and elevator men of Stafford county, carried a large quantity of Turkey Red wheat to Alberta, Canada, where it was planted in carefully prepared virgin soil. It was a successful crop, and last year the seed was carried back to Stafford county and planted. It came up thick and vigorous, and reports received by the freight department of the railway company are that the stock is better than the original seed planted in the county when that country was first settled.

BANK IN TOWN OF 106 PEOPLE.

Cedar Point to Have Financial Institution That Will Pay.

Cedar Point, Kan., July 26.—Contractor S. W. Beach is putting up a neat brick and stone building for the new Cedar Point State Bank. P. P. Schriver, president; J. B. Hanna, cashier. The population of the town is 106 and it is doubtful if another town in the state with so small a number of people possesses a bank. The new building, September 1, and expects the patronage of a rich farming community.

Jointists Plead Guilty.

Arkansas City, Kan., July 26.—Three of the jointists arrested at Gruda Springs in the raid last week appeared before Judge Walton and pleaded guilty to the charge of maintaining a nuisance. The judge sentenced them to serve thirty days in the county jail and to pay a fine of \$500 each. In addition to this each one gave a bond of \$1,000 to keep the peace.

Barton to Speak at Holsington.

Abilene, Kan., July 26.—Ex-Senator Barton will address the Farmers' Home picnic at Holsington this week. He has received many invitations to speak in the central and western part of the state.

Want Folk and Harris, Too.

Oswatimie, Kan., July 26.—The committee in charge of the semi-centennial celebration of the Battle of Oswatimie, August 26, have requested Governor Hoch to invite Governor Folk.

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of Missouri and, urge him to attend as a guest of Kansas.

The committee deemed it proper that the invitation should be extended through the governor. An effort will be made to get W. A. Harris to cancel an engagement previously made and attend.

WATER FOR WELLINGTON.

Found by an Oil and Gas Prospector Near the City.

Wellington, Kan., July 26.—The Mail says:

Robert Pangborn, who is boring the prospect well for the Sumner Oil, Gas and Mineral company on the Allen farm just southeast of the city, stated to the editor of the Mail today that in boring this well he found a beautiful supply of the very best of water. He says there is enough of this water to supply a city five times the size of Wellington.

Mr. Pangborn has a complete record of water struck through which he passed in boring this well. The first water found was in a stratum of quicksand. It proved to be a good hole, but the water is no good because there is nothing above it—nothing to prevent all the surface drainage from soaking down into it.

After passing through this quicksand and water came a stratum of slate five feet thick. Then, at the depth of 80 feet, he struck a beautiful stratum of sand, pebbles and small boulders was found. It was impossible to work the drill in this stratum and the casing was driven through it and the sand and pebbles balled out. This stratum was five feet thick and was filled with the very best and coolest of water. Mr. Pangborn says there is enough of this water to supply any city in this part of Kansas. He also says it is entirely practicable for Wellington to avail itself of this water supply for city purposes.

SHE TOOK HAIR TONIC.

An Iowa Woman Supposed It Was a Nerve Tonic.

A hair tonic taken inwardly is not a good nerve tonic, as Mrs. L. Remick now knows. Instead of strengthening the nerves it came near causing her to lose her mind.

Mrs. Remick has been accustomed to taking a medicine for her nerves. She also has a hair tonic which she uses occasionally. Yesterday, while the medicine was suddenly made stimulant and she took a dose of what she supposed to be the nerve tonic. Instead she got hold of the bottle containing the hair tonic. It proved to be a good hair raiser for it made her hair stand "on end" when she learned that she had taken a dose of it inwardly by mistake.

In a few minutes after taking the medicine she was suddenly made desperately sick and an investigation at once revealed the cause of her illness. A physician was hurriedly summoned and he administered an antidote and she was soon out of danger.—Iola Record.

ELECTRIC LINE CERTAIN.

Interurban Road Between Coffeyville Now to Be Built.

Coffeyville, Kan., July 26.—After dragging along for over a year the Nees interurban line to Independence now is assured. Superintendent Nees was in the city this week and he and his associates have been making arrangements and letters from his eastern associates that assured him that the bonds for the interurban road had been sold and the contract signed with the construction company.

The superintendent of the construction company will arrive at Independence Saturday of this week and will come down to Coffeyville the following Monday.

The steel poles, wire, engines and cars were ordered nearly a year ago, and are now ready to be shipped at once. The work will be rapidly pushed to completion. The roadbed has already been graded and it would be possible to finish the line in 90 days.

OLD SETTLERS' REUNION.

Ex-Governor Bailey and Col. W. A. Harris Among the Speakers.

Tonganoxie, Kan., July 26.—The big bill announcing the Old Settlers' reunion at Tonganoxie August 3, 9 and 10 has been posted. The reunion is to be held at Elm park, and on Wednesday, the 8th, grange speakers will have charge. E. W. and I. D. either and A. F. Beardon will speak. On Wednesday evening F. B. Dawes of Leavenworth will speak. On Thursday afternoon ex-Governor W. J. Bailey and C. O. Pingree will deliver addresses and during the evening W. A. Harris, Democratic candidate for governor, will be heard.

Friday, the 10th, is to be devoted entirely to amusements, there being scheduled recitals, athletic sports for boys, girls and men. There will be plenty of band and vocal music and all kinds of picnic games on the grounds.

A Mutinous Convict.

Leavenworth, Kan., July 26.—Henry Young, a convict in the military prison, attacked Henry Clark, a guard, with a hammer Wednesday afternoon. He was knocked down before he was subdued. Young was with a gang of about 200 prisoners breaking rock within the walls when he refused to obey the guard. When the guard approached Young hit him a glancing blow with the hammer. Another guard rushed up and helped subdue Young.

Senator Benson Unintended.

Winfield, Kan., July 26.—Senator Benson was here between trains yesterday on his way from Coffeyville, where he spoke at the chautauqua, to Dodge City. He addressed a group of soldiers' reunion in the afternoon. His coming was unannounced and he had a long wait, not one of the local politicians being aware of his presence.

Fort Reno Troops at Wichita.

Wichita, Kan., July 26.—Four companies of the Second battalion, Third regiment, infantry, from Fort Reno, reached here last night on a "hike" to the Fort Riley maneuvers. The distance from Peck, where the troops spent the night, was covered in five hours. It is twenty-two miles. It was the best day's march made on the trip.

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one arm, killing him instantly.

The boy is a son of George Nottingham, who is also employed by Mr. Frank Hennell.

CLAY CENTER CHAUTAUQUA.

Will Have Some of the Most Noted Speakers in the Country.

Clay Center, Kan., July 26.—The north central Kansas chautauqua will be held in Clay Center beginning July 27 and ending August 1. The speakers are such that this will be the best assembly the association has ever had, if not the best in the state. The management captured Eugene V. Debs for one lecture, July 31. It was he who chartered a special train from Parsons to Pittsburg and paid therefor \$100 to make good his contract with the Pittsburg, Kan. Chautauqua association. Senator La Follette of Wisconsin, the man snubbed by the United States senate, but dear to the heart of every true American, will speak July 30. Other speakers of note are Governor E. W. Hoch, ex-Governor St. John, J. L. Bristol, Thomas E. Willcutt of the forestry department of agriculture, and last but not least among the speakers is B. J. Lindsay, judge of the juvenile court of Denver, Colo.

With the other array of attractions too numerous to mention it is safe to say that the Clay Center Chautauqua association and its attendance thereto will prove a monument to the untiring efforts of the officers.

JUDGE REES IS POPULAR.

Democrats of the Thirteenth District Will Vote for Republican.

Salina, Kan., July 26.—The Democratic judicial committee for the Thirteenth district met here Wednesday and resolved to place no candidate in the field for district judge against R. Rees of Minneapolis, the present incumbent. The resolution states that Judge Rees has been fair and that he has been elected by a large majority. The district is composed of Ellsworth, Lincoln, Ottawa and Salina counties.

BANK CASHIER A SUICIDE.

Finances in Good Condition, Trouble Being Personal.

Carlton, Kan., July 26.—James Major, organizer and cashier of the Carlton State bank, committed suicide in the bank last night by shooting himself. He has been dependent for several days over personal troubles and this is supposed to have caused the deed. The bank is in good condition and finances are being handled by the directors. Major had been a cripple since childhood.

TO HAVE MARSHALL'S BAND.

B. P. Waggoner's Picnic for the Children of Atchison Today.

Atchison, Kan., July 26.—B. P. Waggoner's annual picnic for the children of Atchison and Atchison county will be held in Forest park today. The picnic includes free street car ride to park. Marshall's band of Topeka will give concerts in the afternoon and at night.

A Prohibition Convention.

Ottawa, Kan., July 26.—The Franklin county prohibitionists are holding their county convention in Forest park here today. A grand rally and basketball picnic will be held in the park during the day, the convention being called at 3 p. m. Addresses are being made by State Chairman Earl R. Dewey and Colonel J. B. Cook, prohibition candidate for governor.

W. A. Harris to Speak to M. W. A.

Ottawa, Kan., July 26.—Senator W. A. Harris will be the speaker of the day at the big picnic of the LeFoupe camp of Modern Woodmen of America, which will be held Thursday, August 2. The usual picnic attractions will be given, including a big shooting match, a horse show, baseball games and dancing. Gormley's band will furnish the music.

Dr. Neely's Heavy Insurance.

Leavenworth, Kan., July 26.—Dr. S. P. Neely, the ex-mayor of Leavenworth who died suddenly last Friday night left \$48,000 life insurance. He had a policy for \$3,000 in the Knights of Pythias order and a policy for \$1,000 in the Mutual Life of New York. The Mutual Life policy was taken out only a year ago and only the first annual payment was made on it.

Soldiers' Reunion at Douglas.

El Dorado, Kan., July 26.—The soldiers' reunion in Douglas this week is largely attended. There is plenty of music and a number are in camp in beautiful city park. Charles Curtis, E. H. Madison, Senator Benson, J. M. Miller, Victor Murdock, W. A. Calderhead, Dr. F. B. Lawrence and others are the speakers.

Manhattan Depot Robbed.

Manhattan, Kan., July 26.—The Rock Island depot here was robbed Wednesday night during the absence of the agent and his assistants. Entrance was made through the ticket window which was pried up after the screen had been cut. The cash drawer was forced open and \$200 taken. The job was hurriedly done as the office was left alone less than 30 minutes.

Finishing Baker Library.

Baldwin, Kan., July 26.—The contract for the book stacks in the new library has been let. The contract reads that the capacity shall be 48,000 volumes and ready for use in 30 days. The work will be done by the Art Metal Construction company of St. Louis.

Boy Falls in a Cistern.

Bennington, Kan., July 26.—John Washburn, son of W. H. Washburn, a hardware dealer of this city, fell into a cistern receiving serious injuries. Young Washburn was sitting on the edge of the cistern watching the workmen below when he lost his balance and fell in.

A Campaign Challenge.

La Crosse, Kan., July 26.—O. H. Truman, Democratic nominee for congress from the Seventh district, has challenged E. H. Madison, the Republican nominee to joint public discussion of the campaign issues.

Two New Wells at Caney.

Caney, Kan., July 26.—The Caney Valley Cooperative Gas & Oil company brought in two wells here last week. One well just north of the famous burning geyser.

Increases Montana Assessment.

Helena, Mont., July 26.—The state board of equalization which under the laws of Montana fixes the assessment of the railroads of the state decided upon an increase of about 12 1/2 percent over last year's assessment of the main lines. Last year the main lines were assessed at \$14,482 per mile. The board today increased this to \$16,234 per mile, with some slight increases in the sidings and spurs.

Increasing San Bernardino Shops.

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RAILROAD NEWS.

Sanitation of Railway and Pullman Coaches Is Discussed.

Recommendations of U. S. Bureau Sanitary Board.

TO PREVENT DISEASE.

Separate Towels, Paraffin Cups, Better Lavatory Facilities.

Gossip and Matters of Interest in Railroad Circles.

The subject of sanitation of railway coaches and Pullman coaches continues to receive increasing attention both from sanitarians and from transportation officials.

Education of the traveling public to the importance of observing hygienic precautions for their own as well as for the benefit of others will probably be the most important factor in securing improved conditions.

The United States surgeon general recently submitted the following topics to the bureau sanitary board for a thorough canvass by them for their recommendations looking to the betterment of the conditions outlined in the questions:

(a) The bedding and bedclothing of sleeping cars.
(b) The drinking utensils upon railway coaches, especially sleeping cars.
(c) The toilet arrangements and closets of railway coaches, especially provision of a separate receptacle in the toilet room to be used for the purpose of tooth washing, mouth rinsing, etc.

Several meetings of the sanitary board were held to discuss these matters and the following recommendations were made by that body: The blankets used in sleeping cars be covered with a fabric that may be removed and washed. It is believed that this may be accomplished satisfactorily by enclosing the blanket with a linen sheet large enough to fold under all its sides.

There is no doubt of the danger of communicating disease by the use of a common drinking cup. The board seriously questions whether it should be the duty of each traveler to carry his own cup, as he does his own toothbrush, etc. When the general public is alive to the danger of disease, it will demand separate cups, as it now demands separate towels. The board has been informed that paraffin paper cups may be made very cheaply, at a cost of about one cent each. These cups may be nested together and occupy a small space. It is also understood that these cups may be supplied in slot-machines. More detailed information upon this subject is being obtained by the recorder.

"We urgently recommend the provision of separate receptacles in the toilet room for the purpose of tooth cleaning, mouth rinsing, etc. This may be satisfactorily accomplished by a separate sink, funnel-shaped, with an appropriate sign indicating its use."

The board has carefully considered the sanitary condition of the water closets in the railway coach, and recommends that the railway companies be requested to consider improvements in several directions. For the present, the unloading of the urinary and fecal discharges upon the track appears to be an unavoidable evil. The danger of this practice, however, is to be kept in mind. A practical method of discharging discharges was discussed, and the advisability of adding formalin in weak proportions to the water in the flush-tank, or the use of an automatic arrangement which would release a few drops of formalin into the hopper each time the lid is raised, was carefully considered.

The board questions whether the administration of matters affecting the health of the occupants of the railway coach can succeed if the measures employed are a marked advance upon the personal habits of travelers. Success must sometimes wait upon the education of the people, and it is believed that Pullman car or the day coach is not the best schoolroom in which to teach personal hygiene and the prevention of the communicable diseases.

All of which is respectfully submitted.
"A. H. GLENNAN, Chairman.
"G. J. PETTUS.
"H. D. GEDDINGS.
"M. J. ROSENBAUM, Recorder."

JOHNSON IS "DEAN."

Chief Clerk Gives Course of Instruction to Agents.

Roy Johnson, chief clerk to the general passenger agent of the Santa Fe railway, is carrying about a great load of instruction to a bunch of his friends and co-slaves in the railway service. He is now being called Dean of the New Railway Correspondence School of Instruction.

The average station agent of a railway company is supposed to be a reasonably bright person, but on a great railway system employing thousands of station agents it is practically impossible to eliminate the "green" agents, or persons with a penchant for doing this or that that isn't right, or for asking fool questions.

The business emanating from the offices of fully 2,500 station agents, possibly more, passes through the local offices of the company, and the bulk of this correspondence falls to the chief clerk.

Johnson receives daily more or less correspondence that sorely tries his patience. He is the master of all phases of the passenger traffic business and the most serious problem appears easy and in the twinkling of an eye. He has fallen into the habit of "handing" a "bunch" of "instructions" that they are in need of instruction. Hence his associates have dubbed him Dean of the New Railway Correspondence School of Instruction.

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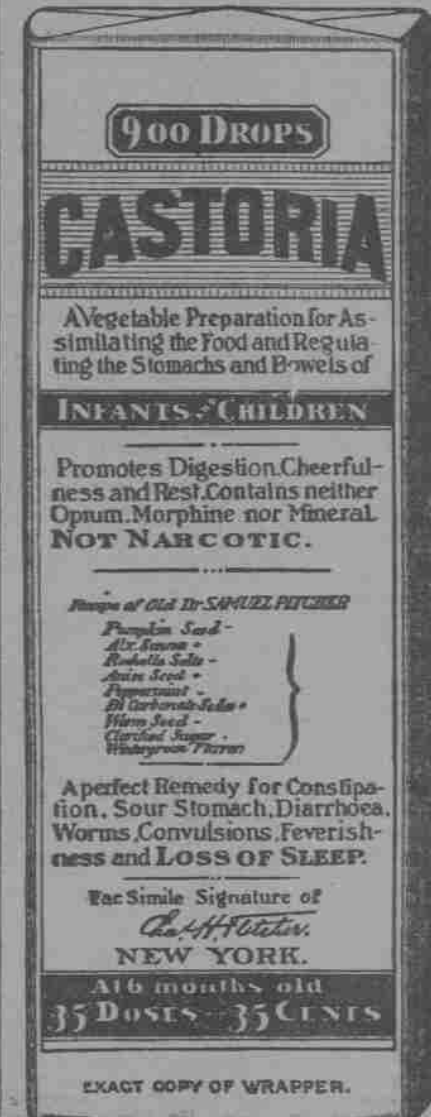
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The Kind You Have Always Bought, and which has been in use for over 30 years, has borne the signature of Chas. H. Fletcher, and has been made under his personal supervision since its infancy. Allow no one to deceive you in this. All Counterfeits, Imitations and "Just-as-good" are but Experiments that trifle with and endanger the health of Infants and Children—Experience against Experiment.



Letters from Prominent Physicians addressed to Chas. H. Fletcher!

Dr. F. Gerald Blatner, of Buffalo, N. Y., says: "Your Castoria is good for children and I frequently prescribe it, always obtaining the desired results."

Dr. Gustave A. Elsengraber, of St. Paul, Minn., says: "I have used your Castoria repeatedly in my practice with good results, and can recommend it as an excellent, mild and harmless remedy for children."

Dr. E. J. Dennis, of St. Louis, Mo., says: "I have used and prescribed your Castoria in my sanitarium and outside practice for a number of years and find it to be an excellent remedy for children."

Dr. S. A. Buchanan, of Philadelphia, Pa., says: "I have used your Castoria in the case of my own baby and find it pleasant to take, and have obtained excellent results from its use."

Dr. J. E. Simpson, of Chicago, Ill., says: "I have used your Castoria in cases of colic in children and have found it the best medicine of its kind on the market."

Dr. R. E. Eskildson, of Omaha, Neb., says: "I find your Castoria to be a standard family remedy. It is the best thing for infants and children I have ever known and I recommend it."

Dr. L. R. Robinson, of Kansas City, Mo., says: "Your Castoria certainly has merit. Is not its age, its continued use by mothers through all these years, and the many attempts to imitate it, sufficient recommendation? What can a physician add? Leave it to the mothers."

Dr. Edwin F. Pardee, of New York City, says: "For several years I have recommended your Castoria and shall always continue to do so, as it has invariably produced beneficial results."

Dr. N. B. Sizer, of Brooklyn, N. Y., says: "I object to what are called patent medicines, where maker alone knows what ingredients are put in them, but I know the formula of your Castoria and advise its use."

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STOCK FORGERY.

Bogus Certificate of Union Pacific Common Stock Is Found.